

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all other prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

Claim 16. (currently amended): A method for treatment of external aggressions to the skin, nails, or hair comprising the topical application of a soy product to skin, nails or hair in need of such treatment, wherein the external aggressions result from the group consisting of environmental chemical contact, ~~physical contact~~, and temperature and said soy product has a trypsin inhibitory activity of at least about 15%.

Claim 17. (currently amended)      A method of claim 16, wherein said external aggression is a result of environmental chemical contact.

Claim 18-20. (canceled)

Claim 21. (original)    A method of claim 16, wherein said method is for the treatment of external aggressions to the skin.

Claim 22. (original).    A method of claim 17, wherein said method is for the treatment of external aggressions to the skin.

Claim 23. (currently amended)      A method of claim ~~18~~33, wherein said method is for the treatment of external aggressions to the skin.

Claim 24. (currently amended)      A method of claim ~~19~~34, wherein said method is for the treatment of external aggressions to the skin.

Claim 25. (currently amended) A method of claim ~~20~~35, wherein said method is for the treatment of external aggressions to the skin.

Claim 26. (original) A method of claim 16, wherein said soy product has a thiol retention activity of at least about 75%.

Claim 27. (original) A method of claim 17, wherein said soy product has a thiol retention activity of at least about 75%.

Claim 28. (currently amended) A method of claim ~~18~~34, wherein said soy product has a thiol retention activity of at least about 75%.

Claim 29. (currently amended) A method of claim ~~19~~35, wherein said soy product has a thiol retention activity of at least about 75%.

Claim 30. (canceled)

Claim 31. (currently amended) A ~~composition~~method of claim ~~13~~5, wherein said soy product has been exposed to gamma irradiation.

Claim 32 (original). A method of claim 16, wherein said soy product has been exposed to gamma irradiation.

Claim 33. (new) A method of claim 16, wherein said external aggression is a result cold temperature.

Claim 34. (new) A method of claim 16, wherein said external aggression is a result hot temperature.

Claim 35. (new) A method of claim 17, wherein said environmental chemical is smoke.

Claim 36. (new)        A method of promoting a composition comprising a soy product, wherein said method comprises directing the composition to be used for the treatment of external aggressions to the skin, nails, or hair, wherein the external aggressions result from the group consisting of environmental chemical contact and temperature and said soy product has a trypsin inhibitory activity of at least about 15%.

Claim 37. (new)        A method of claim 36, wherein said external aggression is a result cold temperature.

Claim 38. (new)        A method of claim 36, wherein said external aggression is a result hot temperature.

Claim 39. (new)        A method of claim 36, wherein said external aggression is a result of environmental chemical contact.

Claim 40. (new)        A method of claim 39, wherein said environmental chemical is smoke.